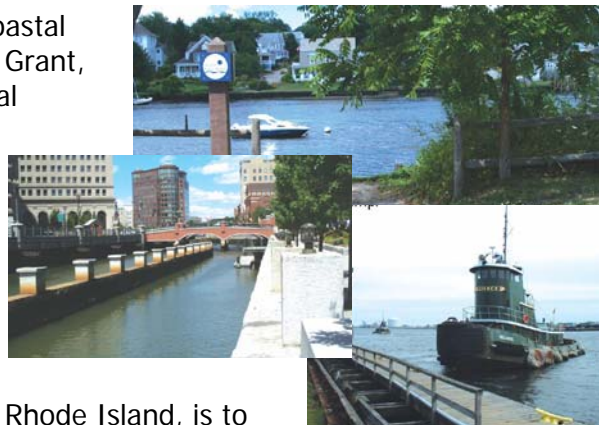


# ***NOS Special Projects Highlights: February 2007***

## ***Project of the Month***

### ***Rhode Island Metro Bay Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) Support***

On February 2, Special Projects and Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management hosted staff from Rhode Island Sea Grant, the Coastal Resources Management Council, and the Coastal Resources Center for a day-long session to plan for an upcoming workshop. The session included an overview of the Rhode Island Metro Bay SAMP and how the workshop goals and outputs fit into the SAMP process, as well as clarification of NOAA support roles. Staff also finalized the workshop purpose; reviewed logistics, speakers, and participants; and developed several facilitation options for the detailed agenda. The purpose of the workshop, which will be held May 1-2 in Providence, Rhode Island, is to find innovative policy solutions that will help guide development along the urban waterfront in the Providence Metro Bay area. (Alison Hammer)



## **NOS**

### **NOS-wide Communications Initiative**

Finalized requirements for a database that will house constituent outreach and other activities. (Carol Kavanagh)

### **NOS / U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Partnership**

Provided facilitation for five work sessions and assisted with the compilation and summary of data to be used in an NOS / USACE five-year strategic plan. (Alyssa Edwards)

### **Special Project Serves on Social Science Committee**

Peter Wiley, NOS, volunteered to serve as the Commerce and Transportation Goal Team representative on the Social Science Committee of the NOAA Research Council. (Peter Wiley)

## **NOAA**

### **NOAA 200th Anniversary Web Site**

Added five new feature stories and five new stories on NOAA activities to the 200th Web site (<http://celebrating200years.noaa.gov>). "Postcards from the Field" was added to the Events and Activities section of the site and the "Discover Your World with NOAA" activity book was added to the For Kids and Educators section. (Davida Remer)

### **Gulf of Mexico Alliance Working Web Site Support**

Created and continued to maintain the Gulf of Mexico Alliance internal working Web site. The purpose of this site is to provide all implementation partners current information for Alliance events and to archive past documents and presentations. This information can be submitted by federal and state Alliance partners according to five priority issue areas. The site serves as a comprehensive resource for Alliance information. (Chris Clement)

### **Ocean Initiative – Ocean Portal**

Transmitted seven stories and one collection representing contributions from five NOAA line offices for inclusion on the Smithsonian-NOAA Ocean Portal. These contributions will appear as part of the initial limited release of the Ocean Portal prototype in mid-March. (Davida Remer)

### **NOAA's Coastal Geospatial Data Project**

Rebuilt and recently launched the new Coastal Geospatial Data Project Web site (<http://coastalgeospatial.noaa.gov/>). This project represents the combination of two existing Web sites the Coastal Assessment & Data Synthesis Project and the NOAA Medium

## ***NOAA, cont.***

Resolution Shoreline Web site. The Web site was developed to make coastal geospatial data more accessible, improve content and navigation logic with an improved graphical user interface, and address known issues with the original Web sites. (Sarah O'Connor)

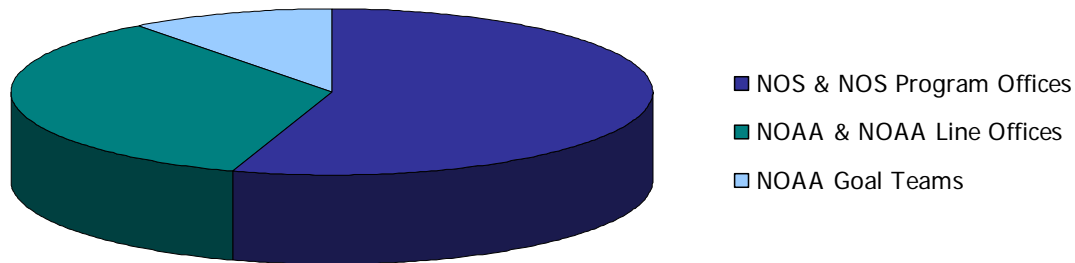
### **Support to the Regional Collaboration Working Group's Internal Communications Team**

Continued to support and participate on the NOAA Regional Collaboration Working Group's Internal Communications Team. This cross-line office team was charged with the development of an Internal Communications Plan for regional efforts, including a series of near-term recommendations that are intended to advance the effort and ensure connectivity to external communications efforts. (Kim Cohen)

### **Howard County Mathematics, Science and Technology Fair**

Lawrence Charters served as a judge for the Howard County Mathematics, Science and Technology Fair at Marriott's Ridge High School in Howard County, Maryland. This fair, a preliminary before the Maryland state science fair, was well represented with projects covering weather and the environment, and Charters distributed NOAA lapel pins to students when he reviewed their projects. The most impressive project involved a robot that could evaluate the ripeness of tomatoes and, eventually, pick them; Charters encouraged the student to think about possible uses for remotely piloted undersea submersibles. (Lawrence Charters)

## **Summary of Projects by Partner: FY07 (as of March 6)**



*Chart represents cumulative numbers of active, proposed, and completed projects for fiscal year 2007.*

	Active	Proposed	Completed	Estimated Level of Effort* (person years)
<b><i>TOTAL Projects</i></b>	80	16	22	40.6**

\*The level of effort estimates will fluctuate as new projects are added and existing projects are completed.

\*\*There is an additional level of effort that goes into SP-specific projects (e.g., administrative).

### ***Special Projects***

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